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Docket No.: TRAUMA 3.0-449  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Zander et al.

Application No.: 10/735,975

Group Art Unit: 3733

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed April 26, 2006, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

I. Claims 1-4 and 11-24, drawn to an apparatus and a method of use, classified in class 606, subclass 62.

II. Claims 5-10, drawn to a biasing element, classified in class 511, subclass 544.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-4 and 11-24. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims.

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In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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